

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

26 April 1977

Mr. & Mrs. Roger A. Beane
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Dear Roger and Ruth:

Angie joins me in thanking you for your kind letter of 17 April. I am glad that you found my address to the Petersburg Rotarian session to be worthwhile. We certainly felt privileged to be in your midst.

May our paths cross again. We very much enjoyed getting to know you both.

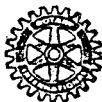
All the best.

Faithfully yours,



E. H. Knoche

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17 April 1977

Hon. E. H. Knoche, Deputy Director
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Dear Hank:

Please forgive the informality of address, however I somehow felt very close to you and may hopefully consider you a newly found friend, as did Ruth.

She so appreciated the Chinese expression of friendship which you wrote on her ticket plus the after-thought.

On the equally sincere side, we could not have been more pleased or more favorably impressed not only with the content of your address but especially your so obvious and completely disarming candor. Your handling of the questions from the floor made a tremendous impression, lending such confidence to all that many later told me they slept much more soundly that night in the knowledge that we had someone like you in such a sensitive and significant governmental role. I feel that way, too.

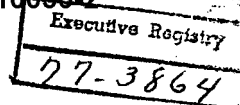
Certainly you must have felt the rapport which existed between you and the audience. You literally had us in the palm of your hand. We shall long remember the occasion as the highlight, truly, of our Annual District Conference in Rotary.

I cannot sign off without mentioning what a delight it was to have Angie come with you. Somehow I imagine that islands of respite and some relaxation together are sometimes too far apart. May the good Lord keep you and your family warm in His love and safe in the palm of His hand.

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Dear Mr. Knoche:

At my request our mutual friend Dr. John Tietjen has been in touch with you regarding the possibility of your being able to provide the principal address at the District Conference of our District 760 on Friday evening, April 15th.

It is my high personal pleasure to add my invitation to you for this occasion which brings together Rotarians and many of their Rotary Anns from throughout District 760, which is comprised of the area extending from the Blue Ridge Mountains on the West to the Ocean on the East and from Washington to North Carolina, which I am certain you recognize to be basically a conservative area coming together at the Ramada Inn, Petersburg.

From what John has told me, I understand that you have agreed to come and speak to us for which I am most grateful. As I mentioned to him, your Agency has been subjected to some very negative reporting, it would seem, and this forum might provide you with an opportunity to dispel doubts and fears spawned by the Press. This is as far as I would wish to go toward suggesting a direction which your remarks might take. Whatever you wish to share with us will be received with great interest.

This invitation is intended to include Mrs. Knoche, if she can join you. It will be a black tie, long-dress or dress pants affair. A suite will be provided for you to change in and available should you care to remain over night. There will be a District Governor's Reception (Cocktail Party) beginning at 5:45 with Dinner at 7:15. Your address would commence somewhere near 8:15 PM. Adjournment is scheduled for 9:00 PM.

Following, we hope you and Mrs. Knoche will join us in the Host Club Suite for after dinner conversation and libations. You do us great honor by your acceptance. Please forward a brief bio sketch and glossy photo to my address above.